

## NEWFAINE.

Mrs. O. R. Wright has been ill since Sunday with pleurisy.

Mrs. Emery Phillips has recovered from her recent illness.

Lewis Hall of Lempster, N. H., came Wednesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Mabel Hall.

John P. Whittaker has ten lambs born this spring from six sheep. Who can beat this?

Miss Dorothy Dutton has employment with Miss Marie Williams, beginning work there on Thursday of this week.

Miss Mildred Eddy is spending part of her vacation from school at the home of her aunt, Mrs. George Williams, in Londonderry.

Mrs. Eva Johnson has been at her old home on Newfaine hill, which she has recently sold to Moses Grout, this week, packing her household goods which will be moved to Townshend, where she will now make her home with a daughter, Mrs. Miller.

Moses Grout is now moving from Townshend to the Johnson farm on Newfaine hill, which he has recently bought. Wednesday he brought by team a large house in which the hens were at roost during the transportation. Mr. Grout will help his brother, Guy Grout, during the sugar season to carry on the sugaring at the home place of their father, Joll Grout, on Newfaine hill.

## WINDHAM.

Mae Ingalls was home from Townshend over Sunday.

The softened snow makes traveling even on the main roads, difficult.

Lutheria Hamilton returned to West Brattleboro Saturday to resume teaching.

Ethel Vincent is home from East Northfield, Mass., for the spring vacation.

The warm weather of the past few days has caused the sugar makers to get busy.

## SOUTH WINDHAM.

The farmers are busy in their sugar orchards.

Albert Stenterford has finished work for M. H. Ingalls.

Miss Noble, a trained nurse, is caring for Mrs. A. J. Baker.

A. G. Burbee of Springfield, Mass., has been in town a few days.

Mrs. O. S. Farwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Jenison.

Keith Carleton has gone to Westminster to work on a stock farm.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Carleton are staying with their son, G. E. Carleton.

Horace Gale of Townshend recently visited his old friend, F. H. Robbins.

Mrs. A. J. Baker, who has been comfortably ill the past week, is more comfortable.

Dana Jenison of Westminster was a guest over Sunday of his brother, L. E. Jenison.

L. E. Jenison sold one of his draft horses to his brother, Dana Jenison, of Westminster.

Henry S. Baker of New York city came Tuesday, called here by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. A. J. Baker.

## JAMAICA.

Grasshopper on the Job Early.

The first grasshopper of the season appeared here Monday. As Rev. Mr. Gray was tapping a tree it jumped from the grass near the roots of the maple, showing that the winter had not killed the pest as was hoped by people whose fields were destroyed last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sellers are ill.

H. F. Willis was in Andover, Monday and Tuesday.

Stanford Smith of Brattleboro visited at H. P. Boynton's this week.

L. R. Barnes moved his household goods to Gill, Mass., Thursday.

S. T. R. Cheney of New York city came Tuesday night to look after his sugar orchard.

The missionary ten at Mrs. Robinson's was well attended Wednesday and the afternoon was enjoyed.

Charles Holton of New York city came Tuesday night for a few days' stay in Jamaica during sugaring.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hurd, who were in Brattleboro for some time, have returned to their home in Pikes Falls.

H. A. McLean has begun sawing his logs. Lewis Sage is drawing the wood to his different customers as usual.

Mrs. Carrie Newman, who had been visiting Mrs. A. L. Tynan, returned to her home in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday morning.

## WEST DOVER.

Mrs. W. M. Harris, who has been ill, is gaining.

Miss Blanche Holland of East Dover is at J. J. Snow's for an extended visit.

Miss Julia Thatcher of Florida, Mass., is helping Mrs. William Harris.

Walter Heseock recently traded a pair of steers with Wallace Bartlett for a colt.

Sugaring has come and the farmers are anxious to see the snow disappear to facilitate travel in the sugar lots.

Frank Bogle is working for Ernest Howe; Ora Bogle for A. D. Howe of Wilmington; F. H. Johnson and O. E. Heseock for Harris & Bogle; and Frank Harvey for O. E. and S. L. Hill.

## PERU.

Dr. Robert Charlton has moved back to Londonderry.

Ass Brown attended a listers' meeting in Bennington last week.

Perry Warren has bought the Bromley House of M. J. Hapgood.

Miss Freda Jones has closed her school in South Londonderry and is at her home here.

## HALIFAX.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis, who have been doing the work at the deer park farm the past month, will return to their own farm in Guilford Saturday. They had leased their farm to Artemus Houghton, but Mr. Houghton will vacate.

## SOUTH NEWFAINE.

## Mrs. Kate (Sawtell) Sparks.

Mrs. Kate (Sawtell) Sparks, wife of Harlan E. Sparks, who had been ill health a number of years, became more seriously ill Saturday. On Wednesday pneumonia developed and she died at 2:30 yesterday morning. Her daughter, Mrs. Frank Buxton of Brattleboro, was with her parents Tuesday. Mrs. Sparks's sister, Mrs. Alonzo T. Stowe of West Brattleboro came Wednesday and was with the family when the end came.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Sparks leaves one daughter, Mrs. Buxton, one son, Erwin C. Sparks, who has lived at home and has been associated with his father in farming interests; two grand children, Irene Buxton and Harold Sparks; and two sisters, Mrs. Otis Thayer of West Dunsmuir and Mrs. Stowe. Mrs. Erwin C. Sparks, who has been devoted to her mother-in-law after an illness of several weeks was in Brattleboro for the last few days, able to be at home the last few days. She came home yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Buxton.

The funeral will be held at the home Saturday at 1 o'clock.

W. W. Salter of Holyoke, Mass., is boarding at Bert Adams's a few days.

Mrs. Fred W. Morse and friend, Mrs. Johnson, of Brattleboro spent Tuesday in town.

Miss Mattie Metcalf went last week to Guilford, where she is caring for Mr. Mellon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman H. May went Wednesday to Winchester, N. H., to visit their daughter.

The church covenant meeting will be held in the parsonage Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Miss Mattie Wade went Sunday to Putney West hill to visit her brother, Ernest Wade, and family.

Mrs. Viola Morse returned home Wednesday, after spending a week at the home of her brother, C. E. Brown.

Wilbur Whittaker is working for S. D. Jones through sugaring and Harold Pratt is working for Wallace Johnson.

Mrs. Erwin H. Metcalf and daughter, Miss Evelyn Metcalf, of Brattleboro came Tuesday to spend the two-weeks vacation at home.

Kenneth Morse and sister, Miss Margaret Morse, of Brattleboro came Tuesday to visit their aunt, Mrs. C. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thayer of West Dunsmuir moved last week to the farm which they bought of Alfred Williams, and will make their home here.

Mr. Floyd J. Fairbanks and daughters, Marion and Elizabeth, of Brattleboro called on her grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Morse, Wednesday.

The many friends of Ernest Adams are glad to know that he is enjoying this week the trip to Washington, D. C., with the Brattleboro high school party.

James Mundell occupies the Wellman house in the parish district this winter. He is caring for Mrs. Abbie M. Adams's livestock while she is in Brattleboro.

Rev. Horace W. Houlting, a returned missionary, early in April will visit Pastor and Mrs. Kelly for a few days, and while here will give a lecture upon his work in China.

Sugar weather appeared Saturday morning and several sugar makers already have begun operations. Sidney D. Jones made his first shipment of 15 gallons of syrup Wednesday morning.

The regular monthly business meeting and social of the organized adult class in Sunday school will be held next Wednesday evening at the parsonage. All members of the Never-Give-Ups are expected to be present.

The auction sale of personal property of late Ernest L. Brown took place at Greenfield, Mass., held Wednesday at the home farm, near Greenfield, where Mrs. Davenport and son, Guy Lamson, have remained since Mr. Davenport's death.

The Ladies' Benevolent society was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Wallace Johnson and Mrs. Bert Adams at the home of Mrs. Johnson. Notwithstanding the bad going there was a good attendance, and a pleasant time was enjoyed. Instead of the usual lap supper, the guests were seated at the two tables arranged for them in the large dining room, to partake of the beautiful supper provided.

All women of the church and community are invited to meet Sunday afternoon in the vestry from 3 to 4 o'clock, with the Home and Foreign Missionary circle. All others will be welcome. Each year the church budget for missionary work is made up, and it is for the purpose of better acquaintance with the societies to which they contribute that this meeting is called.

Mrs. Samuel H. Morse, who has been in the Cambridge hospital, Cambridge, Mass., seven weeks, seriously ill following an operation for appendicitis and peritonitis, was able to sit up a few minutes Sunday for the first time, and on Monday was taken to the sun parlor in a wheel chair. She is expected to gain rapidly from this time on and hopes to leave the hospital in the near future. Mrs. Morse very much appreciates the thoughtfulness and kind wishes of her many friends who have sent letters, cards, and beautiful flowers to brighten the days.

## BROOKLINE.

H. P. Reed of Cushman, Mass., was in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wellington and daughter, Alice, visited relatives in Townshend last week.

Oscar Lawrence, E. P. Osgood, G. M. Allen and Bert Smith attended the road commissioners' and select men's meeting in Brattleboro Tuesday.

## After-Thoughts.

Invest a little money in bonds—of friendship.

When business gets bad, go hunting—new business.

Don't fire the office boy for whistling—learn to whistle.

Be kind to the dumb—not dumb to the kind.

Forget your troubles—by remembering your blessings.

Smile with every one—and never at any one.—Judge.

Argentina's national bank last year contained \$91,299,000 in savings deposits.

## TOWNSHEND

## Vermont Program at Seminary.

Leland and Gray seminary commemorated the 125th anniversary of Vermont's admission to the union by a public Vermont program in place of the usual vesper service Wednesday afternoon. A good sized audience attended. The numbers given were:

Chorus of the school, Battle Hymn of the Republic; invocation by Rev. J. H. Lawrence; remarks by Prof. G. W. Powers concerning the purpose of the celebration and a letter on the subject from Mason S. Stone; song by quartet, Miss Etta Thomas, Miss Edith Kidder, Merrill Sparks and Harold Haskell; scripture reading, Prof. G. W. Powers; reading by Guy Hawkins of a letter to the boys and girls of Vermont by Gov. Charles W. Gates; reading by Ross Newell, First Men Produced by Vermont; reading by Arthur Cutler, Manufactures in Which Vermont Leads the World; reading by Paul Grout, Lending Productions of Vermont; reading by Harold Haskell, Where Vermont Comes In; reading by Miss Etta Thomas, History of Vermont from 1775 to 1791; chorus by school, Song of the Young Vermonters; brief but interesting addresses by Miss Rebecca Wright of Montpelier, secretary of the Vermont state library and department, District Supt. George Whitney and Rev. R. H. Bosworth.

After remarks by Prof. Powers the program closed with the chorus, Vermont, sung to the tune of America.

## Little Red School House Notes.

School closed March 24 for the spring vacation. Miss Harris has gone to her home in Bennington.

Ira Jay Dutton has returned from a visit to western New York state. He left his mother slightly improved.

The Little Red School House community was saddened by the sudden death of Frank Felch, of pneumonia, Sunday, March 26. He was ill but a few days and was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Page, at whose home he was taken ill. Less than a year ago he was living with his parents and grandmother on Buck Hill. Since that time all four have died of the same disease. He leaves a wife in Lowell, Mass., who is herself ill with tuberculosis. His father-in-law, Mr. Varnum, came to Townshend for the burial, taking it to Milford, N. H., for burial.

Sugar makers report the sugar and syrup dark and not of good quality as usual.

Bluebirds, robins, phoebe and song sparrows have appeared this week and are filling the air with rejoicings that spring has surely come.

A marching school was held in Academy hall Wednesday evening, several of the post-graduates who are stopping in the village having the affair in charge. The evening was much enjoyed by the young people.

A meeting of the Woman's Missionary society, was held in the Congregational parsonage Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. The second chapter of the missionary book, The King's Highway, was read and explained by Mrs. R. H. Bosworth. Special sewing for charitable purposes was done.

The news of the sudden death of Charles H. Stratton of West Townshend Wednesday came with a shock of sorrow and regret to the many in this village who knew him personally. Mr. Stratton had been through his life highly respected in the town and much beloved by his friends. He held for many years the office of selectman carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the position in a public spirited way, which gave satisfaction to all. Mr. Stratton was a broad minded, courteous man, whom the community could ill afford to lose.

## WEST TOWNSHEND.

## Sudden Death of Chas. H. Stratton.

Charles H. Stratton, a long-time resident of this place, died very suddenly Wednesday afternoon. Although he had been in poor health this winter he was feeling well and drove to East Jamaica in the forenoon. When he reached home he went to the home of his son, Henry Stratton, where he made a short call, then returned home. He had been at home only a short time when he complained of not feeling well and Dr. Gale was sent for, but Mr. Stratton died soon after the physician arrived.

Mr. Stratton was 74 years old and a farmer. He lived about half a mile outside the village. Formerly for many years he was a member of the board of selectmen. Besides his wife, who was Lucy Phillips, he leaves three children, all of this place. They are Henry C., a farmer, Hugh, who lives at home, and Mrs. Orrin Burnap. He also leaves a brother in Colrain, Mass.

W. H. Taft has been in Brattleboro this week.

Frank Hillard of Townshend was in town Monday.

Abner Bristol of Burlington is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague.

Miss Agnes Harris spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Roy Nichols, in Elm Grove.

Harry Murdoch has finished work for Fred May, jr., and has gone to his home for the sugar season.

Miss Gladys Chase of North Adams visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chase, from Friday to Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fairbanks spent a part of last week with his aunt, Mrs. Daisy Culver, in Jacksonville.

Forrest Stone came home Monday from his school in Shelburne Falls to help his father, N. G. Stone, during the sugar season.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fairbanks have closed their home and gone to the home of his father, Frank Fairbanks, at Elm Grove, for a few weeks.

Gladys Stone, who has been very ill, is a little better at this writing. Miss McDonald, nurse, of Brattleboro, and Mrs. C. P. Dix are with Mrs. N. G. Stone this week.

India's cotton crop is estimated at 4,900,000 bales of 430 pounds each.

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ing his Easter vacation at W. H. Taft's.

Halsey Thompson is working for Hugh Holden.

George H. Gale is working on the railroad section.

A. L. Howe and W. W. Van Ness were in Brattleboro Tuesday.

Miss Eunice Pond has been spending some time with her schoolmate, Miss Eva Howe.

Misses Abbie and Florence Follett of Weston have been spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Kimball.

Mrs. A. L. Howe recently celebrated her birthday anniversary, two beautifully decorated birthday cakes being in evidence.

Mrs. Ella E. Perkins, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cyril R. Switzer, was called to Gardner, Mass., Thursday by the illness of a relative.

## WHITINGHAM.

Special Town Meeting Monday April 3.

Next Monday, April 3, is the day of our special town meeting. We trust the voters have considered the advantages and disadvantages of the school question which is at issue.

A high school in town would make a valuable addition to our school system and a good school system brings down the people into town and above all keeps our young people at home, their interests here and not money and theirs in town. It will in the end decrease taxation rather than increase it, as every taxpayer that we lose means so much more for those who are left as roads, schools and other things must come up to a standard of the state law, and as long as we constitute a town it is for our interest to fill it with good citizens and build up the business of the town.

There will be this fall about 20 boys and girls who are ready for the ninth grade and if we could start a course in high school and keep them and their parents here we are sure it would be more than repaid to the town. Who will be more real to a town than a band of young men and women at this age? And if their town can't afford them even a high school education they drift away and become loyal to some other town, as usually when they go away it is good by Whitingham and we are paying for the privilege of losing them. It cost us \$100 per pupil for every year of high school they attend out of town and what does it cost the parent? We save the money and the people here. We need them.

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## WARDSBORO.

Theron White is ill with appendicitis.

G. S. Johnson has gone to Connecticut to work.

Sheriff Mann of Brattleboro was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen visited in Jamaica Sunday.

Mrs. B. L. Perry returned home from Pikes Falls Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Foley were in East Dover recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Briggs were in Townshend Sunday.

Addison Kidder went to Brattleboro to work Wednesday.

Mrs. S. M. Estabrook spent Saturday in Wardsboro Center.

Mrs. George Allen visited Mrs. O. V. Heffron Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Howard of Bellows Falls is visiting Mrs. H. E. Knight.

Miss Boyd of West Wardsboro visited at W. H. Parsons's Tuesday.

Genie and Robert Ashford are spending the week with Mrs. W. L. Sabers.

Miss Lucia Glendon returned to her school in Southwick, Mass., Saturday.

Martin Glason is at home from Norwich university for a two-weeks' vacation.

Miss Nancy Seranton of Townshend visited her father Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Morse of Townshend visited Miss Cora Morse Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Ashfield Ashford are attending the Vermont conference in Montpelier.

Theron White, who had been working in Pikes Falls two weeks, has returned home.

B. C. Wilder attended the state road commissioners' conference in Brattleboro Saturday.

L. Holcomb returned to Southwick, Mass., Wednesday. Miss Lucia Glendon accompanied him to Brattleboro.

Vermont Grange will hold a special meeting to confer the first and second degrees Tuesday evening, April 4.

Mrs. Will Styles and son, Paul, of West Wardsboro visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Moore, Tuesday.

E. C. Wilder, who has been ill in the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. W. Plimpton, returned to Mr. Roberts's to work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen, Mrs. H. H. Forrester, Miss Alice Streeter, George and Cora Morse attended the play in South Londonderry Friday night.

The A. Z. club will meet in the town hall Wednesday afternoon, April 5. Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock. All will be cordially welcomed.

There will be no preaching Sunday morning. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. At 7 p. m. there will be a sacred concert. All are cordially invited.

Charles R. Farnum of Bennington, formerly of this town, who has been working in Westboro, Mass., the past few weeks, suffered a shock Saturday night, his left side being effected. Mrs. Farnum went from Bennington to Westboro Sunday.

Vermont Grange held a very interesting meeting Tuesday evening. The program consisted of an alto concert solo by Otis Heffron, reading by Olive Briggs, reading by Mrs. Chase, duet by Misses Knight and Kidder, address by Mrs. Howard, question, What can the housewife do to beautify the home? singing by Grange, question, What flowers do you have the best scores at? At the next meeting, April 18, there will be a spelling match. It was suggested that the Grange have a cleaning-up day.

## ALMANAC SAYS PLANT NOW.

South Newfaine Man Says Top of 12-Foot Pole Shows Location of Garden — Wants to Hasten Work.

Editor of The Phoenix:—

In looking through the 1916 Farmer's Almanac I notice on page 11 that now is the time to plant hardy seeds, sow clover and repair stone walls. As the month is well advanced I am wondering if I can secure the services of some expert in hastening this work. I have the seeds and am sure we can locate the garden spot by means of a 12-foot pole pole left standing there last fall, one end of which still protrudes through the snow about a foot. There will be no difficulty in repairing the stone wall, as by digging down and tunneling to one side about 20 feet I have already located one end of it.

You will readily see I am anxious about this work, especially the stone wall as at present there is absolutely nothing to prevent stray cattle entering my enclosure, they evidently not realizing that there are any fences on the premises.

Your truly,  
JOHN E. MORSE,  
South Newfaine, March 24, 1916.

WALKER AND RYDER PLOWING.

Ros. Frost Plants His Feet in Dooryard — Other Signs of Spring in Brattleboro Are Noted.

That spring is here is shown by the following signs in the Boston Globe of Saturday: The sap will be running soon in Vermont, if we can judge by this bit of news received from Brattleboro:

Mr. Edmonson—Spring struck this corner the day before yesterday, right on time, as some of the neighbors are plowing, some are sowing and considerable plowing has been done.

Warner Walker and John Ryder plowed out the roads.

"The wicker Wilkins sewed the coats onto her boys so that the wind wouldn't blow 'em off."

"Ros Frost planted both feet in his dooryard when he slid off the shute roof he was trying to shovel."

## GUILDFORD CENTRE.

Miss Nellie Borkowski is working for Mrs. Emory Evans, Canon of Exeter.

Mrs. Charles Evans went Saturday to Washington with the high school party.

Troman Mead has hired the J. Henry Pratt farm and will move his family there.

Mrs. Charles Ogden, who visited her son, Arthur, and family, has returned to Newton Highlands, Mass.